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SUBJECT: GOLD TRANSFER TO CZECHS

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1. FOLLOWING LETTER DELIVERED AUGUST 27 TO COLONEL J. WATSON, SECRETARY-GENERAL, TRIPARTITE COMMISSION FOR THE RESTITUTION OF MONETARY GOLD, 28 RUE JOSEPH II, 1040 BRUXELLES:

2. QTE. DEAR SIR;

AS I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO FOR YOU, THE CHAIRMAN, AND BRITISH COMMISSIONER, I ATTACH A COPY (FURNISHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND IN CONFIDENCE) OF A PROPOSED ANNEX A TO THE DRAFT AMERICAN-CZECHOSLOVAK AGREEMENT TO SETTLE CERTAIN OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL ISSUES. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WAS INITIALED AD REFERENDUM ON JULY 5, 1974, IN PRAGUE BUT THE PROPOSED ANNEX IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. MY GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANNEXES, CONFIDENTIAL

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CAN BE SIGNED IN LATER SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER.

3. SINCE THE PROPOSED ANNEX A CONCERNS PROCEDURES INVOLVING THE TRIPARTITE COMMISSION FOR THE RESTITUTION OF MONETARY GOLD, WE SHOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING OVER THE PROPOSAL AND LETTING US KNOW, INFORMALLY, IF YOU BELIEVE IT COULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES SHOULD WE LATER FORMALLY PROPOSE THE PROCEDURES IT CONTAINS (OR SOMETHING SIMILAR) TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. IN OUR OPINION, THE DRAFT ANNEX A FOLLOWS NORMAL COMMISSION PROCEDURES, TELESKOPED SOMEWHAT TO SPEED THINGS UP.

4. IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU TO KNOW THAT AN ANNEX B TO THE US-CZECH AGREEMENT, WHEN DRAFTED, WILL DESCRIBE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF CHECKS TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SIMULTANEOUS WITH A TRANSFER OF GOLD FROM A COMMISSION ACCOUNT AT THE SWISS BANK CORPORATION IN ZURICH TO A CZECH ACCOUNT AT THE SAME BANK.

5. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE A RELATED, BUT DISTINCT, MATTER CONCERNING THE LETTER DATED JULY 24, 1974, RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION FROM THE CZECH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS.

6. IN GENERAL, THAT LETTER FOLLOWS THE TEXT WHICH THE CZECHS WORKED OUT WITH THE COMMISSION IN APRIL, 1964, BUT IT ADOPTS A SIMPLIFIED MEANS (BY CHECKS AND SEPARATE FUNDS) TO PAY THE CHARGES OF PRE-POSITIONING GOLD IN ZURICH AND OF OPENING A COMMISSION ACCOUNT THERE. I CURRENTLY SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THESE MEANS.

7. THE LETTER OMITTS, HOWEVER, THAT PARAGRAPH FROM THE 1964 TEXT WHICH CONCERNED THE PROVISION OF FULL POWERS, ETC. AND WHICH CONCERNED THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ALL THE FORMALITIES REQUIRED AT A SINGLE SITTING OF THE TRIPARTITE COMMISSION. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR US AT THE COMMISSION TO DECIDE AS TO WHAT ASSURANCES ON THESE TOPICS, IF ANY, THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE OF THE CZECH GOVERNMENT. (IT WOULD APPEAR TO ME THAT THE CZECHS ARE AWARE THAT FURTHER ASSURANCES MAY BE REQUIRED SINCE THE LAST FULL PARAGRAPH OF THEIR JULY 24 LETTER IMPLIES THAT

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THERE ARE STILL MATTERS TO DISCUSS.)

8. IF YOU, THE CHAIRMAN OR THE BRITISH COMMISSIONER BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO HOLD A FORMAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS EITHER THE PROPOSED ANNEX A OR MY COMMENTS ON THE JULY 24 LETTER, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I SHALL REQUEST THE CHAIRMAN TO CONVENE SUCH A MEETING.

9. IN THE INTERIM, I AM AT YOUR DISPOSAL FOR SUCH FURTHER
INFORMATION AS I HAVE. SINCERELY YOURS, JOHN P. HEIMANN,
DEPUTY UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER. END QUOTE. RENNER

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